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FIRST CO-DEFENDANT SENTENCED IN COCAINE CONSPIRACY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for his role in a conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine.

Antonio L. McGee, 34, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Ortrie D. Smith this morning to 21 years and 10 months in federal prison without parole.

On June 24, 2005, **McGee** pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine between Aug. 12 and 24, 2004. Specifically, **McGee** admitted that he sold a total of 55 grams of crack cocaine to an undercover police officer on several occasions.

Two other co-defendants also have pleaded guilty in this case.

Randolph D. Douglas, 28, of Kansas City, pleaded guilty to his role in the conspiracy on Dec. 21, 2004, and **Myecia M. Lucas**, 26, of Kansas City, pleaded guilty to her role in the conspiracy on June 20, 2005.

Under federal statutes, Graves explained, **Douglas** and **Lucas** may be subject to mandatory minimum sentences of 10 years in federal prison without parole, up to life in prison without parole, plus fines up to $4 million.

The co-defendants in this case were originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Sept. 15, 2004.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David DeTar Newbert. The case was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

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